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The UConn Huskies take on Michigan at the championship game in Indianapolis, Ind. on April 6, 2026. The Huskies lost 63-69. PHOTO BY MADISON HENDRICKS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

HUSKIES TRAVEL TO DURHAM FOR DUKE INVITATIONAL

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The Huskies will hit the road this weekend to take on the Musketeers. The Huskies (4-8 overall, 1-3 Big East) are coming off a dominant win over Butler in hopes of ending the season strong. The Musketeers (3-11 overall, 1-3 Big East) are looking to rebound after a crushing defeat against Georgetown 1-19.

Xavier will celebrate its seniors on senior night against the Huskies as the team aims to finish the season on a high note.

As for the Huskies, this will be their last away game of the season as they conclude the year with three home matchups, including their season closer on senior day.

These two teams are battling for momentum as they approach the final stretch. With both squads sitting near the bottom of the conference, a win could turn conference play around. UConn still has two more Big East opponents after Xavier, which could improve its conference record drastically.

Postseason play is still relevant for these two teams as they attempt to gain another tally in the winning column.

The goal for the Huskies is going to be stopping Xaviers offense. The UConn defense has been a struggle for the program this season, letting in more than 15 goals a game on several occasions. The Huskies are coming off a 15-4 win over Butler when they held the Bulldogs to just five shots on goal.

They are led by standout defender Abby Beran, who broke the program's single season record for caused turnovers in a season with 48. Their offense was also on fire, setting their season high shot-attempts with 42.

UConn's offensive firepower comes from Rayea Davis, who has netted 23 goals so far and is looking to add more to her dominant season.

The Musketeers will look to senior Samantha Barla for goals as she leads the way with 22. She has also added seven assists for the team.

Another standout offensive weapon for the Musketeers is Megan Droney, who leads the team in assists with 17. A strong connection between these two could cause problems for the Husky defense as they aim to deliver another standout defensive performance.

In the past three meetings between the two, the Huskies have come out on top. Not only have they won, but they have done so in a dominant style. Winning by a margin of 14.6 goals in the last three seasons, the Huskies are looking for another commanding victory.

The Musketeers are hoping to send off their veterans with a win, while UConn is hoping to crash the party.

Draw time is on April 11 at noon.

The game can be streamed on ESPN+.



UConn Track and Field at the Dog Fight Challenge at George J. Sherman Family Sports Complex in Storrs on April 4, 2026. The Huskies secured the victory, scoring 260.5 points. PHOTO BY MADISON HENDRICKS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Baseball: Hook C to face Butler in 3-game weekend series

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After racking up three back-to-back wins, the UConn baseball team (18-16, 4-2) will hit the road to take on the Butler Bulldogs (12-20, 3-0) this weekend in Indianapolis, Ind.

The Hook C is coming off a dominant 6-2 win over the Bryant Bulldogs, as well as wins over Creighton last Saturday and Sunday at home.

Against Bryant, the Huskies were down; that is, until the fifth inning when reliever Paxton Meyers flipped the script for his squad. Even with two Bryant players on second and third, Meyers still maintained the Huskies' deficit at one.

After that, Meyers delivered zero walks and only three hits in 4.2 innings of work. The Huskies then brought in five runs due to a sac-fly from Rob Rispoli and a home run Nater Wachter in the sixth inning to put the Huskies up in the sixth inning.

Then, Cam Righi solidified the win for the Huskies in the ninth inning with an RBI double off an error from Bryant, bringing two runners to home plate.

As the Huskies shift their focus to Butler, they will look to snap their fellow Big East foe's five-game winning streak to continue their own momentum and winning streak.

The Bulldogs' most recent win was a 14-12 defeat of Southern Indiana last Tuesday. On Butler's squad, the Huskies fielding will have to look out for Gavin Gilmore and Matthew Rhoades who are each boasting batting averages of .316 and .312, respectively.

In terms of Butler's pitching staff, the Hook C's hitters have the potential of facing Brock Buckley (4.96 ERA) or Max Winders (5.06 ERA) in the rotation.

The last time these conference foes faced one another was on May 11, where the Huskies took the win 7-1. With the history between these two programs dating all the way back to 2004, Connecticut has won every single game, besides their loss in May of 2023 against Butler.

The Huskies will rely on the bats from Rispoli, Righi and Chris Polemeni this weekend to stay in the win column.

First pitch for Friday's game is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday's game will commence at 2 p.m., and the series will conclude on Sunday with a noon start.

Husky fans can tune in to all three games on ESPN+.



The UConn baseball team battles Xavier University for the third time this week on March 29, 2026 at Elliot Ballpark. The Huskies won their Friday and Saturday matches against Xavier, but lost their Sunday game, 6-1. PHOTO BY NORA MARIANO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS